RECORDS

OF A SPECIAL

GREAT COUNCIL FIRE

OF THE

GREAT COUNCIL OF CONNECTICUT,

IMPROVED ORDER OF RED MEN.

WIGWAM OF HAMMONASSETT TRIBE NO. 1,
HUNTING GROUNDS OF NEW HAVEN.
Twenty-first Sun, Snow Moon, G. S. D. 408.

The Great Council was called to order at the tenth run, twenty-fifth breath, by Great Sachem Howard G. Hubbell of Queriheag Tribe, No. 27, and the special Great Council Fire was kindled in ample form.

On roll call of the Great Chiefs, permanent members and Standing Committees, the following were present:

HOWARD G. HUBBELL,	*Great Sachem.*
ROBERT C. PRICE,	*Great Senior Sagamore.*
WILLIAM C. UPSON,	*Great Junior Sagamore.*
JAMES F. SMITH,	*Great Prophet.*
CHARLES W. SKIFF,	*Great Chief of Records.*
S. HOWARD MEAD,	*Great Keeper of Wampum.*
FRANK J. HUGHES,	*Great Sannap.*
CHARLES W. STICKELS,	*Great Mishinewa.*

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B. I. Russell, - - - - - *Great Guard of the Wigwam.*
Joseph A. Bromley, - - - - *Great Guard of the Forest.*
James F. Smith, - - - - - *Great Representative.*
Noah Rogers, Jr., - - - - *Deputy Great Sachem.*
Zebulon R. Robbins, - - - - *Past Great Sachem.*
Carlos Smith, - - - - - *Past Great Sachem.*
Albert E. Clark, - - - - *Past Great Sachem.*
Charles W. Skiff, - - - - *Past Great Sachem.*
Henry K. White, - - - - *Past Great Sachem.*
James F. Smith, - - - - - *Past Great Sachem.*

Committee on Finance—P. G. S. Carlos Smith of Tribe No. 1, and P. S. John Blair of Tribe No. 22.

Committee on Laws and Usage—P. G. S. Zebulon R. Robbins of Tribe No. 4.

Committee on State of the Order—P. S. Elmore R. Chaffee of Tribe No. 17.

Committee on Returns and Reports—P. S. Arthur E. Fogg of Tribe No. 34, and P. S. Fred. H. Ackley of Tribe No. 1.

Committee on Printing—P. G. S. Charles W. Skiff, G. C. of R., of Tribe No. 3.

Committee on Credentials and Mileage—P. S. Fred. H. Ackley of Tribe No. 1, P. S. E. E. Treadwell of Tribe No. 30, and P. S. Fred. G. Pierce of Tribe No. 22; also for Committee on Entertainment (special) P. S. Charles P. Butler of Tribe No. 1.

The Great Chief of Records, by order of the Great Sachem, read the petition and call for the special Council Fire, as here follows:

A PETITION TO THE GREAT SACHEM.

Reservation of Connecticut, I. O. R. M.
Hunting Grounds of Norwich.

24th Sun, Hunting Moon, G. S. D. 407.

Howard G. Hubbell, Esq., Great Sachem, Bridgeport, Conn.:

Dear Great Chief and Brother: We, the undersigned Past Sachems, in good standing in our respective Tribes, Reservation of Connecticut, do most respectfully request and petition you to convene, or cause to be convened, at as early a date as practicable, a Special Council Fire of the Great Council of this Reservation, for the following purposes, to wit:

To confer the Great Council Degree.

To hear and consider the report and recommendations of the Committee on Laws and Usage of this Great Council.

To take into consideration the advisability and practicability of adopting some proper and correct system of financial basis for dues and benefits.

To transact any other business proper to be brought before said Council. Signed,

CARLOS SMITH, P. G. S., Tribe No. 1.
JOSEPH A. BROMLEY, P. S., Tribe No. 1.
F. L. TROWBRIDGE, P. S., Tribe No. 1.
W. F. PARKER, P. S., Tribe No. 1.
W. S. TUTTLE, P. S., Tribe No. 1.
EDWARD J. WINDER, P. S., Tribe No. 1.
A. R. DOWN, P. S., Tribe No. 1.
E. B. BEERS, P. S., Tribe No. 34.
A. E. FOGG, P. S., Tribe No. 34.
FRANK J. HUGHES, Great Sannap, Tribe No. 27.
CHAS. W. SKIFF, P. G. S. & G. C. OF R., Tribe No. 3.
L. LEGRAND HOPKINS, P. S., Tribe No. 3.
J. F. WOODRUFF, P. S., Tribe No. 3.
FRANK W. HODGE, P. S., Tribe No. 3.
GEORGE L. SCOFIELD, P. S., Tribe No. 3.
CHARLES O. BROWN, P. S., Tribe No. 3.
O. W. KARBER, P. S., Tribe No. 17.
L. L. LINSLEY, P. S., Tribe No. 17.
W. G. D. NISSEN, P. S., Tribe No. 17.
Z. R. ROBBINS, P. G. S., Tribe No. 4.
WM. H. POND, P. S., Tribe No. 2.
F. O. PEABODY, P. S., Tribe No. 10.
S. HOWARD MEAD, P. S., Tribe No. 4.
CHAS. R. BARTLETT, P. S., Tribe No. 4.
GEO. L. GRISWOLD, P. S., Tribe No. 4.
R. J. McNICKLE, P. S., Tribe No. 18.
JOHN C. BURNS, P. S., Tribe No. 4.
FRED. F. NOWATZKY, P. S., Tribe No. 18.
JNO. BLAIR, P. S., Tribe No. 22.
H. H. JACKSON, P. S., Tribe No. 27.
WILLIS D. UPSON, P. S., Tribe No. 10.
T. H. HEWITT, P. S., Tribe No. 10.
CHAS. R. UPSON, P. G. S., Tribe No. 10.
GEO. M. CHAPMAN, P. S., Tribe No. 22.
ROBERT C. PRICE, G. S. S., Tribe No. 2.
H. W. PICKETT, P. S., Tribe No. 9.
ELMORE R. CHAFFEE, P. S., Tribe No. 17.
S. W. STARR, P. S., Tribe No. 17.
CHRISTIAN BISCHEL, P. S., Tribe No. 17.
GEORGE S. PITT, P. S., Tribe No. 17.
FRED. E. HUBBARD, P. S., Tribe No. 17.

GREAT COUNCIL OF CONNECTICUT, I. O. R. M.
WIGWAM OF THE GREAT SACHEM.
HUNTING GROUNDS OF BRIDGEPORT.

To Whom these Presents May Come,

GREETING: Know ye that I, Howard G. Hubbell, Great Sachem of the Great Council of Connecticut, Improved Order of Red Men, in consequence of a Petition, hereto attached, and made a part of this Warning or Call, and in accordance with Article III, Sec. 16, By-laws of this Great Council, do hereby warn all Past Sachems in good standing in their respective Tribes, to attend a Special Session of this Great Council, to be held in the Hunting Grounds of New Haven, at the Wigwam of Hammonassett Tribe No. 1, on the twenty-first sun, Snow Moon, G. S. D. 408, at the tenth run, rising of the sun, for the purposes as set forth in said Petition.

It is earnestly hoped that all qualified Past Sachems will make a special effort to be present and cast their votes on the important questions to be presented to the session as, in their opinion, will be for the best interests of the Improved Order of Red Men.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Great Council of Connecticut, this 14th sun, Cold Moon, G. S. D. 408.

HOWARD G. HUBBELL,
[SEAL.] *Great Sachem.*

Attest, CHAS. W. SKIFF,
Great Chief of Records.

Past Great Sachem Carlos Smith of Hammonassett Tribe, No. 1, submitted the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, that the Great Chief of Records be authorized to appoint an assistant for this session at an expense of not over ten fathoms.

The Great Chief of Records appointed Past Sachem W. S. Tuttle of Hammonassett Tribe, No. 1, assistant.

The Great Chief of Records read the following protests:

A PROTEST.

The tribe represented in this paper respectfully dissent from the proffer of the communication to the Great Sachem, through past Sachems of the Improved Order of Red Men, having in view the preparation of a skeleton of By-laws, for the use of tribes in this reservation.

The Warning Call sent out by Howard G. Hubbell, Great Sachem of the Great Council of Connecticut, Improved Order of Red Men, "in accordance with Article III, Section 16, By-laws of the Great Council," for a special session in the Hunting Grounds of New Haven, at the Wigwam of Hammonassett Tribe No. 1, 21st sun, Snow Moon, G. S. D. 408, 10th run, Rising of the sun, we hold to be illegal and hereby express our disapproval of the same.

The objects set forth in the call meet with our entire disapprobation. The call or summons to the Past Sachems is to individuals. The tribes are not to be regarded as coming under the governing care of those whom they have dismissed from service with honors.

The legislation proposed, we regard as entirely opposite and antagonistic to the laws governing tribes of Red Men. To enforce them means death to at least two-thirds of the tribes credited to the reservation of Connecticut. It gives absolute power and the acknowledgment of power to the Past Sachem's League, which has been annulled within a year by the Great Incohonee on appeals from the reservations of Pennsylvania and Indiana.

To attempt to dictate the disposition of the finances of subordinate tribes, how they shall be expended, what the benefit fund and general fund shall be, how dues shall be paid and naming a system of finance by which the stronger overcomes the weaker, is totally at variance with the laws of Redmanship. It is unconstitutional and without warrant of law.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That we enter our earnest and solemn protest against the call for the special meeting of Past Sachems at New Haven, February 21, for the purposes set forth in a petition never proposed by the several local tribes and entirely without their sanction.

RESOLVED: That the establishment of a Benefit Fund and a General Fund, outlined in the proposed petition, are subversive of the real life of Redmanship, the creation of a trust fund outside of the regular system now pursued by the several tribes meaning ruin to the tribes involved and incorporating class legislation on the part of a body not delegated to enact the same.

RESOLVED: That we protest against the several items of legislation proposed as entirely opposite to the true intent of Redmanship, and as creating a law under which very few tribes can live and maintain their charter. To be compelled to increase dues much beyond those now imposed, to be compelled to meet sick benefits or a mortuary fee on the plan proposed, means the burial of the Order in Connecticut. A division of the funds is never desirable and we hereby enter our protest on the system proposed.

RESOLVED: That we regard the proposed legislation as unconstitutional, unlawful and subversive to the best interests of the Order, and in the event of its success we shall appeal to the utmost limit.

RESOLVED: That our tribe either as the individual or the body refuse to attend the Warning or Call proposed, and protest the right of the Great Sachem to issue a call for action on the subjects proposed.

The foregoing Resolutions were adopted by Uncas Tribe, No. 26, I. O. R. M., on the seventh sun, Snow Moon G. S. D. 408.

O. W. RAYMOND,
Sachem.

CHAS. W. STOW, *Chief of Records.*

Signed by Past Sachems:

STEPHEN S. NAPHEY.
JOSEPH C. MILLER.
THOMAS ROBINS.
WILLIAM J. WILCOX.
RICHARD BLAND.
HARRY RIDER.
WILLIAM MILLER.
JAMES P. FRANCIS.
FRANK H. FITCH.
P. H. MILLER.
A. F. NASH.
CHAS. B. NASH.

Second protest in the same form:

Signed by:

GEO. W. RAYMOND, P. S. JOHN H. M. LOWTH, P. S.
HENRY MATHEIS, P. S. JAS. HAWKS, P. S.

WIGWAM OF COCKENOE TRIBE, No. 32, I. O. R. M.
HUNTING GROUND OF NORWALK.
Seventeenth Sun, Snow Moon, G. S. D. 408.

H. G. Hubbell, G. S.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: The enclosed resolutions were passed at this sleep of this Tribe, and I was instructed to forward them to you with the signatures of Past Sachems.

Respectfully yours,

[SEAL.] A. A. BETTS, *C. of R.*

Third protest in the same form:

The foregoing resolutions were read and adopted by Powahay Tribe, No. 33, of Stamford:

F. L. WHITEHEAD, *Sachem.* F. C. BUNTEN, *C. of R.*

Signed by:

F. C. BUNTEN, P. S. ED. T. BUTTREY, P. S.
GEO. W. MESSINGER, P. S. ARTHUR G. JESSUP, P. S.
O. P. SMITH, P. S.

Feb. 16, 1899.

Great Prophet James F. Smith of Ninigret Tribe, No. 21, moved that these protests be laid upon the table; this being seconded by Past Great Sachem Carlos Smith of Hammonassett Tribe, No. 1, was adopted without a dissenting vote.

The Committee on Credentials and Mileage submitted the following long talk (report) which on a motion by Great Chief of Records Chas. W. Skiff, duly seconded, was accepted and left open for additions and corrections.

HUNTING GROUNDS OF NEW HAVEN.
Twenty-first Sun, Snow Moon, G. S. D. 408.

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the following Past Sachems from the several tribes throughout this Great Reservation, hav-

ing paid the required fee are now entitled to receive the Past Sachems' Degree, viz.:

H. W. SMITH, Sonquassen Tribe, No. 2.
H. L. WOOSTER, Mohawk Tribe, No. 12.
H. B. HANDY, Toantick Tribe, No. 22.
JOHN I. BROADRICK, Natatuc Tribe, No. 25.
W. B. PAYNE, Natatuc Tribe, No. 25.
V. M. LAITY, Wonx Tribe, No. 28.
JUDSON NEIL, Wonx Tribe, No. 28.
L. CRAWFORD, Wonx Tribe, No. 28.
CARL FOSTER, Konckapotanauh Tribe, No. 30.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. TREADWELL.
FRED. ACKLEY. } *Committee.*
FRED. G. PIERCE.

The nine Past Sachems named in the long talk of the committee were introduced and the Great Council Degree was conferred upon them.

Past Sachem Charles P. Butler of Hammonassett Tribe, No. 1, Special Committee on Entertainment, reported that he had made arrangements for dinner at the "Hotel Davenport" at the first run, setting of the sun (sharp).

The roll-call of the Representatives of the Tribes resulted as follows:

Hammonassett Tribe, No. 1—James B. Hadden, Representative; Chas. H. Wellman, Fred H. Ackley and Henry E. Booth, Alternates.
Sonquassen Tribe, No. 2—Not represented.
Paugussett Tribe, No. 3—Chas. W. Skiff, Alternate.
Mohican Tribe, No. 4—Not represented.
Montowese Tribe, No. 6—Frank W. Stiles, Alternate.
Nonnawauk Tribe, No. 9—Not represented.
Tunxis Tribe, No. 10—Not represented.
Mohawk Tribe, No. 12—George F. Wilcox, Representative; John Stone, 2d, Alternate.
Mattabesett Tribe, No. 14—Jacob Wiegand, Jr., Representative; George A. Dyson, Alternate.
Compounce Tribe, No. 15—Not represented.
Arawanna Tribe, No. 17—Not represented.
Sassacus Tribe, No. 18—Not represented.
Sawseunck Tribe, No. 19—Not represented,
Ninigret Tribe, No. 21—Not represented.
Toantick Tribe, No. 22—E. G. Munger, Representative.
Massacope Tribe, No. 23—Myron C. Foster, Representative.
Natatuc Tribe, No. 25—William Saunders, Representative; George H. Merrill, Alternate.

Uncas Tribe, No. 26—Not represented.
Queriheag Tribe, No. 27—Not represented.
Wonx Tribe, No. 28—E. H. Andrews, Representative.
Waquaheag Tribe, No. 29—C. G. Osborn, Alternate.
Konckapotanauh Tribe, No. 30—E. T. Bump, Representative; Noah Rogers, Jr., and E. E. Treadwell, Alternates.
Ponus Tribe, No. 31—Not represented.
Cockenoe Tribe, No. 32—Not represented.
Powahay Tribe, No. 33—Not represented.
Ansantawae Tribe, No. 34—Arthur E. Fogg, Representative.

The following Past Sachems were also present:

Wallace F. Parker of Hammonassett Tribe, No. 1.
David T. Lyon of Montowese Tribe, No. 6.
George C. Mattison of Nonnawauk Tribe, No. 9.
L. H. Cleveland, of Mohawk Tribe, No. 12.
H. C. Pangborn of Massacope Tribe, No. 23.
Chas. B. Fuller and F. A. Sears of Natatuc Tribe, No. 25.

The Great Chief of Records read the following long talk (report) of the Committee on Laws and Usage, of the Great Council of Connecticut to the Great Sachem:

Howard G. Hubbell, Esq., Great Sachem, Bridgeport, Conn:

Dear Great Chief and Brother—Pursuant to the resolution passed by the Great Council of Connecticut, Improved Order of Red Men, at its last Great Sun's Council Fire, 25th sun, Flower Moon, G. S. D. 407, your Committee beg to report, as a result of their labors, a skeleton code of By-laws, for the use of Tribes in this Reservation.

In connection with this work, it became apparent to your Committee, that the Order in this (as well as throughout the Great Reservation of the U. S.), is suffering for the want of proper and sufficient laws governing the great and all-absorbing question of "dues and benefits." The corner-stone of this great institution of ours, being founded upon the great principle of "relieving the distressed and burying the dead," necessitates the paying of sick and funeral benefits, and unless Tribes are in some way put upon a sound financial basis, whereby they may be enabled to keep their agreements with all their members, the corner-stone must continue to crumble, until the whole structure falls into ruin and disgrace. With nothing but love for our Order, and in the hope to secure the longevity and ultimate success of our institution, your Committee would most respectfully recommend:

That Tribes in this Reservation be required to separate their Wampum into two separate and distinct funds, viz.: A "Benefit Fund" and a "General Fund". The "Benefit Fund" to be a trust fund, from which no Wampum shall be paid except sick and funeral benefits of its members in good standing.

The "General Fund" to be used for the legitimate purposes of the Tribe, ontside of sick and funeral benefits.

Tribes shall be required to deposit into the "Benefit Fund", on or before the first business day of each and every moon, one-fourth (¼) of the amount guaranteed as a funeral benefit, for each and every member adopted during the preceding moon, for ages 18 to 30 great suns inclusive. Ages 31 to 35, ...additional. Ages 36 to 40, ...additional. Ages 41 to 45, ...additional. Ages 46 to 50,.....additional, *i. e.*, a Tribe agreeing to pay $50 funeral benefits, must deposit $12.50 into the said "Benefit Fund" at adoption, ages 18 to 30, and add to this amount according to age. The adoption fee to be governed by (*i.e.*, to be the same as) the mortuary fee. Thus, if the adoption be $7, this $7 must go to the "Benefit Fund", and the funeral benefit must be just $28.00.

Tribes shall be required to deposit into the "Benefit Fund" one-half of all the dues collected each and every moon, on or before the first business day of the next succeeding moon.

Tribes shall not be permitted to pay for Weekly Sick Benefits a sum greater than one-half the amount charged for annual dues, *i.e.*, a Tribe wishing ro pay $4 per week sick benefits, must charge $8 per year for dues, and so on irrespective of age.

It will be observed, that by this plan the Great Council will establish the ratio, leaving the rate to be fixed by the Tribe, according to the desires and ability of its members.

The "Benefit Fund" shall be required to earn not less than Savings Bank rate of interest.

Your Committee further recommends that a Special Session of the Great Council of Connecticut be called, at which session every Past Sachem in this Great Reservation who is in good standing in his respective Tribe be invited to attend, for the purpose of considering the advisability of adopting the above plan and the formulating of such Constitutional Laws as may become necessary to put the same into full and active force.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F., F. & C.

Z. R. ROBBINS, P. G. S.
F. O. PEABODY, P. S.

Past Sachem John Blair of Toantick Tribe, No. 22, moved, seconded by Great Keeper of Wampum S. Howard Mead of Mohican Tribe, No. 4, that the report of the Committee on Laws and Usage be accepted and taken up *seriatim* for consideration. So voted.

The committee's long talk (report) of a skeleton form of By-laws for the use Tribe was read by the Great Chief of Records as here follows:

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.—Name.

Section 1. This Tribe shall be known and hailed as..... Tribe, No...., Imp'd O. R. M., Hunting Grounds of..... Reservation of Connecticut.

ARTICLE II.—Councils.

Section 1. The regular Councils of this Tribe shall be held in the wigwam every....., at the.....run, setting of the sun.

ARTICLE III.—Fees.

Section 1. The adoption fee shall be.....fathoms for all pale-faces between the ages of eighteen and.....great suns, and.....fathom.. additional for each great sun over.....great suns.

Sec. 2. The fee for the Warrior's and Chief's Degrees shall be..... .....fathoms each.

Sec. 3. Brothers admitted by card or dismissal certificate shall pay an admission fee of.....fathoms if under.....great suns and..... fathoms additional for each great sun over.....great suns.

Sec. 4. The fee for a withdrawal card shall be.....feet, and the fee for a visiting card shall be.....feet.

ARTICLE IV.—Dues.

Section 1. Every member of this Tribe shall pay the sum of..... fathoms as dues each great sun, payable quarterly in advance, on or before the last regular council in Hunting (Dec.), Worm (March), Hot (June), and Corn (Sept.) Moons. Dues to commence on the date of adoption.

ARTICLE V.—Benefits.

Section 1. Every member of this Tribe who has attained to the Chief's degree, if by sickness or accident he shall be rendered unable to follow his usual or some other hunt, shall be entitled to receive from the wampum belt.....fathoms, for each seven suns during such disability, and if of a lower degree.....fathoms each seven suns, *provided* that no benefit shall be allowed for the first seven suns in each disability and that no member shall receive full benefits for more than.....seven suns in any one continuous disability.

Sec 2. On the death of a member entitled to receive benefits there be paid immediately by the Sachem to the brother's widow or nearest competent relative, the sum of.....fathoms.

ARTICLE VI.—Committees and their Duties.

Section 1. On the last council sleep in each six moons' term it shall be the duty of the Sachem-elect to appoint a Finance Committee, to consist of three (3) members, whose duty it shall be to audit the books and accounts of the Chief of Records, Collector of Wampum, Keeper of Wampum, and Trustees, and report in writing to the Tribe, on the next succeeding council sleep upon such audit. They shall also approve all bills presented to the Tribe, before payment shall be made thereon and perform such other duties as the Tribe may direct.

SEC. 3. Immediately upon being raised up, the Sachem shall appoint a Sick Visiting Committee, which shall consist of the Senior Sagamore and .....other members, whose duty it shall be to visit such brother as may be reported to them as being in distress or unable to follow the hunt and report at the next council sleep of the Tribe.

SEC. 3. The Relief Committee shall consist of the Junior Sagamore and two (2) other members, to be appointed by the Sachem. It shall be their duty to take charge of all matters of relief for destitute brothers and of the disbursement of such sums of wampum as the Tribe may appropriate for relief purposes, also, to visit the widows and orphans who are chargeable to the Tribe, when reported sick or in need of aid, and immediataly report in writing to the Tribe.

(NOTE.—Special Committees may be appointed for specific purposes at any Council of the Tribe.)

ARTICLE VII.—DONATIONS.

SECTION 1. Donations of wampum not to exceed ten fathoms in any one case, may be made to relieve brothers and to assist the widows and orphans of brothers, upon sufficient proof of the necessity therefor being shown by the Relief Committee.

ARTICLE VIII.—SALARIES.

ARTICLE IX.—BONDS.

ARTICLE X.—REINSTATEMENT.

ARTICLE XI.—AMENDMENTS.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS CONSTITUTION FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF TRIBES.

ARTICLE II, SECTION 6, Page 53. In line five strike out "except by dispensation".

ARTICLE II, SECTION 12, Page 54. Strike out all after the word "therefore" in third line and before "In bal-" at end of seventh line.

ARTICLE II, SECTION 14, Page 55. Strike out the word "Hunters" in sixth line.

ARTICLE II, SECTION 15, Page 55. Strike out all of said Section after the word "disability"; substitute period for semi-colon.

ARTICLE II, SECTION 21, Page 57. Strike out the words "Sachem, Junior Sagamore and such", and add in second line the words "as many".

ARTICLE II, SECTION 22, Page 57. Strike out the words "Past Sachem" in the first line, "Committee of one" in the second line and "Ex-officio" in second and third lines, and add after the word "Junior" in first line, the words as follows: "Sagamore with two other members shall constitute the Relief Committee"; also, strike out all of the Section after the words "States" at the end of the seventh line.

ARTICLE II, SECTION 23, Page 58. Strike out all of said Section.

ARTICLE III, SECTION 34, Page 63. In line five strike out the word

"five" and substitute in lieu thereof the word "seven". In tenth line strike out the words "Council of the Degree of Pocahontas", and at the end of said Section add the following: "Special Councils may be called by the Sachem at his discretion and shall be on the written request of seven members in good standing, and no business shall be transacted at such special Council, except that which is specified in the call."

ARTICLE IV, SECTION 38, Page 65. In fourth line strike out the word "resolution" and substitute the word "vote" and in succeeding section in last line, strike out the word "resolution" and substitute "vote".

BY-LAWS OF GREAT COUNCIL.

ARTICLE IV. SECTION 10, Page 17, "a," strike out; "b," strike out; "c," strike out "quorum and".

ARTICLE XI, SECTION 52, Page 34. Strike out all after word "degrees" in the third line and substitue a period for the semi-colon, after the word "degrees".

Add to SECTION 15, Page 55, the following words: "provided, however, that the arrearages for dues only shall not exclude the brother from care and attention during his sickness or disability. Any brother having become in arrears shall not become beneficial again until he has been in good standing one moon."

Z. R. ROBBINS, P. G. S. No. 4.
CARL FOSTER, P. S.
CARLOS SMITH, P. G. S.

Great Prophet James F. Smith of Ninigret Tribe, No. 21, moved, seconded by Great Keeper of Wampum S. Howard Mead of Mohican Tribe, No. 4, that this long talk (report) of the committee be accepted and taken up *seriatim* for consideration. Adopted.

The Great Sachem filled the vacancies on the Committee on Laws and Usage by the appointment of Past Great Sachem Carlos Smith of Hammonassett Tribe, No. 1, and Past Sachem Carl Foster of Konckapotanauh Tribe, No. 30.

The Great Chief of Records read the following resolution from Montowese Tribe, No. 6, which, by a motion by Past Great Sachem Zebulon R. Robbins of Mohican Tribe, No. 4, duly seconded, were laid upon the table.

WHEREAS: A number of the Past Sachems in the Hunting Grounds of Meriden have received a communication from the Great Chief of Records giving notice of a special session of the Great Council, to be held in the Hunting Grounds of New Haven on the twenty-first sun, Snow Moon, G. S. D. 408, at the tenth run, rising of the sun, to take action upon certain amendments to By-laws, and

WHEREAS: The unseemly run at which this Council fire is to be kindled prevents the majority of our Past Sachems from attending, and

WHEREAS: The proposed changes in the By-laws are, in the opinion of the undersigned Past Sachems, unwise and unjust, and will prevent the adoption of Pale-faces for many Moons to come, therefore be it

Resolved: That it is our firm belief that the proposed changes in our By-laws will be detrimental to the interests of all the Chiefs and Brothers in our Hunting Grounds, and will eventually result in the surrender of the Charters of all weak Tribes in the reservation of Connecticut.

Resolved: That we protest against action being taken on such an important matter at a special Session of the Great Council, and earnestly request the report be laid upon the table until the Annual Session of the Great Council.

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Great Chief of Records, to be read in the special Session, and that we ask all the Past Sachems in these Hunting Grounds to attend the special Session, and do all in their power to prevent the adoption of these objectionable amendments to our By-laws.

ANDREW WEISNER, P. S.
JOHN H. REES, P. S.
N. E. ACKLEY, P. S.
HENRY K. WHITE, P. G. S.
OSCAR A. SCHMELZER, P. S.
CHARLES S. WOOD, P. S.
FRANK W. STILES, P. S.
DR. F. L. EAGER (by D. T. L.) P. S.
F. L. WAPLES, P. S.
JOHN H. PARK, P. S.
J. R. STORM, P. S.
WM. B. MORLEY, P. S.
CHAS. J. HEINEMAN, P. S.
ROGER M. FORD, P. S.
S. D. SMITH, P. S.
WILLIAM BENZIGER, P. S.
J. E. PARSONS, P. S.
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H. D. PARDEW, P. S.
RICHARD J. CASEY, P. S.
J. E. EWERS, P. S.

WIGWAM OF MONTOWESE TRIBE, No. 6, I. O. R. M.
HUNTING GROUNDS OF MERIDEN.
Sixteenth Sun, Snow Moon, G. S. D. 408.

To the Great Sachem and other Great Chiefs and Members of the Great Council of Connecticut:

The undersigned certify that the foregoing Resolutions were unanimously passed at their Council fire held on the 16th sleep, Snow Moon, G. S. D. 408.

M. F. KELLEY, *Sachem.*
DAVID T. LYON, *C. of R.*

Past Great Sachem Robbins, of the Committee on Laws and Usage, took the floor and commenced his argument upon the long talk (report) of his committee, continuing until the twelfth run, fortieth breath, when the Great Council took a recess until the second run setting of the sun.

SETTING OF THE SUN SESSION.

The Great Council assembled at the second run, thirtieth breath, with Great Chiefs, Representatives and Past Sachems present as at the rising of the sun session.

Past Sachem Henry E. Booth of Hammonassett Tribe, No. 1, moved that a time limit of ten breaths be allotted to each speaker; being duly seconded, was adopted. The Great Sachem ruled that this time limit do not apply to the Committee on Laws and Usage, and Past Great Sachem Z. R. Robbins resumed his argument, followed by Past Sachems Chas. P. Butler of Tribe No. 1, Geo. H. Dyson of Tribe No. 14, E. T. Bump of Tribe No. 30, H. B. Handy of Tribe No. 22, Wm. Saunders of Tribe No. 25, and others.

Great Sannap Frank J. Hughes of Queriheag Tribe, No. 27, moved, seconded by Past Sachem F. W. Stiles of Montowese Tribe, No. 6, that the adoption of the skeleton By-laws for Tribes be now considered *seriatim* as reported by the Committee on Laws and Usage. On the vote being declared in the affirmative and being doubted, the Great Sachem ordered a rising vote to be counted by the Great Sannap: Result twenty-two against and twenty for; motion not adopted.

Past Sachem Chas. P. Butler of Hammonassett Tribe, No. 1, submitted the following resolution, which was seconded by Past Sachem F. W. Stiles of Montowese Tribe, No. 6, and adopted.

Resolved: That it is the sense of this Great Council, that it is not wise at this time to make any change in our Constitution and By-laws for the government of tribes regarding dues and benefits.

Upon a motion of Past Sachem Chas. P. Butler of Hammonassett Tribe, No. 1, duly seconded, the Great Council proceeded to the consideration of the skeleton of tribal By-laws as reported by the Committee on Laws and Usage, section by section:

Article I., adopted as reported and read.
Article II., adopted as reported and read.
Article III., Section 1, adopted as reported and read.
Sec. 2, adopted as reported and read.
Sec. 3, adopted as reported and read.

Sec. 4, adopted as reported and read.

Article IV., adopted as reported and read.

Article V., Section 1, adopted as reported and read.

Sec. 2, amended by Past Sachem J. Wiegand, Jr., of Mattabesett Tribe, No. 14, by adding "immediately on satisfactory proof of death," and adopted.

Article VI., Section 1, adopted as reported and read.

Sec. 2, adopted as reported and read.

Sec. 3, adopted as reported and read.

Article VII., adopted as reported and read.

Great Chief of Records Chas. W. Skiff of Paugussett Tribe, No. 3, moved that the balance of the report of the Committee on Laws and Usage, "proposed amendments to the Constitution for the government of Tribes," be accepted and approved for consideration at the next Great Sun Council Fire. This was duly seconded and adopted.

Past Sachem E. E. Treadwell of Konckapotanauh Tribe, No. 30, submitted the following long talk (report) of the Committee on Credentials and Mileage, which was accepted; and it was voted that an order be drawn on the Great Keeper of Wampum for the amount of Wampum therein named.

HUNTING GROUNDS OF NEW HAVEN.
Twenty-first Sun, Snow Moon, G. S. D. 408.

Your Committee on Mileage beg leave to report that the following Great Chiefs and Members of this Great Council are entitled to mileage as follows:

H. G. Hubbell,	18 miles,	$1.08
R. C. Price,	36 "	2.16
W. C. Upson,	22 "	1.32
S. Howard Mead,	64 "	3.84
C. W. Skiff,	42 "	2.52
F. J. Hughes,	18 "	1.08
C. W. Stickles,	53 "	3.18
B. I. Russell,	33 "	1.98
J. F. Smith,	51 "	3.06
Z. R. Robbins,	64 "	3.84
E. E. Treadwell,	18 "	1.08
Carl Foster,	18 "	1.08
F. G. Pierce,	33 "	1.98
		$28.20

E. E. TREADWELL,
FRED. ACKLEY, } *Committee.*
FRED. G. PIERCE,

Past Sachem F. W. Stiles of Montowese Tribe, No. 6, offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Past Sachem John Blair of Toantick Tribe, No. 22, and adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Great Council be and they are hereby extended to Hammonassett Tribe, No. 1, for the use of wigwam for this special Great Council Fire.

Great Chief of Records Chas. W. Skiff of Paugussett Tribe, No. 3, read the following talk leaf from the Hunting Grounds of Springfield; explaining that Past Sachem James B. Keene of Wepawaug Tribe, No. 7, (which is extinct) was a member at large under the conditions and provisions of paragraph No. 22 of Section 2 of Article VIII of the Constitution of the Great Council of the United States, paying dues of three fathoms per great sun and waiving all claims for sick or death benefits until such time as the Great Council of Connecticut shall adopt laws, rules or regulations applicable to members at large of this Great Council.

WIGWAM OUSAMEQUIN TRIBE, No. 14.
HUNTING GROUNDS SPRINGFIELD, MASS.
Tenth Sun, Snow Moon, G. S. D. 408.

C. W. Skiff, G. C. of R.

DEAR CHIEF AND BROTHER:—P. S. J. B. Keene, of this city, slipped on the icy sidewalk last Sunday morning and had the ill fortune to break his leg in two places. We will gladly give him all necessary care and attention as Brother Keene is a great favorite and highly honored by us. Is he entitled to any benefits, and if so how much? We understand he is a member-at-large. Fraternally, JOHN SHARROCKS, *C. of R.*

Past Sachem John Blair of Toantick Tribe, No. 22, objected to the consideration of this subject at this time on the ground that it was not stated in the call for this special Council Fire. Objection was not sustained.

Past Great Sachem Albert E. Clark of Nonnawauk Tribe, No. 9, moved, seconded by Past Sachem E. H. Andrews of Wonx Tribe, No. 28, that the sum of five fathoms per seven suns be granted to Past Sachem Keene for thirteen seven suns.

Past Sachem Henry E. Booth of Hammonassett Tribe, No. 1, moved to amend that he be paid three fathoms per seven suns for ten seven suns, which was duly seconded.

Great Keeper of Wampum S. Howard Mead amended the

amendment to pay him fifty fathoms at once; duly seconded; the vote was taken and declared on the last amendment as adopted, which was doubted. A test vote was then taken by counting and there were found to be twenty-seven in favor of the last amendment; and the last amendment prevailing was adopted in place of the original resolution.

The Great Sachem submitted the following talk leaf from the Great Incohonee George E. Green which was accepted and ordered printed in the Records.

GREAT COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES, I. O. R. M.
WIGWAM OF GREAT INCOHONEE, BINGHAMTON, N. Y.
Eighth Sun, Snow Moon, G. S. D. 408.
COMMON ERA, February 8th, 1899.

Howard G. Hubbell, Esq., Great Sachem, Bridgeport, Conn.

GREAT CHIEF AND BROTHER:—I beg to own receipt of your circular favors bearing date 14th sun, Cold Moon, G. S. D. 408, wherein you convene a special session of the Great Council of Connecticut, to be held in the Hunting Grounds of New Haven, and at the wigwam of Hammonassett Tribe, No. 1, on the 21st sun, Snow Moon, G. S. D. 408. It seems to me that the purpose of the special session is a good one, and if at all possible I propose to attend same.

I was exceedingly sorry to forego the pleasure of meeting with many of the Brothers of Connecticut in the Hunting Grounds of Waterbury. You have doubtless learned that on the occasion of my visit in the South Mrs. Green, who accompanied me, was taken very ill with pneumonia, and I was detained there much longer than anticipated, hence could not attend the meeting, and since my return have been simply overwhelmed with work requiring my constant attention. I hope you are going to meet with splendid success during the present Great Sun, and beg to assure you I will aid you in every possible way. Yours in F., F. and C.,

GEORGE E. GREEN, *Great Incohonee.*

The Great Chief of Records asked for instructions in regard to printing the records of this special Council Fire of this Great Council, when the Great Keeper of Wampum S. Howard Mead of Mohican Tribe, No. 4, moved that these Records be incorporated in the records of the next Great Sun Council records, which was not seconded. Past Sachem Charles P. Butler of Hammonassett Tribe, No. 1, moved that the records of this special session be printed and distributed as soon as possible; this being duly seconded was adopted.

Past Sachem Chas. P. Butler of Hammonassett Tribe, No. 1,

submitted the following resolution which was seconded by the Great Chief of Records and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Laws and Usage be instructed to report laws, rules or regulations relating to the payment of sick and death benefits to members-at-large of this Great Council, at the next Great Sun Council Fire.

The Great Sachem announced to the Great Council "that there has been an appeal brought to the attention of the Great Chiefs by a member of Mohican Tribe, No. 4, but I am happy to inform the Great Council that it will not be necessary to bring this subject up at this session, as the matter has been settled between the member and the tribe."

The Great Sachem called on the Great Prophet James F. Smith of Ninigret Tribe, No. 21, to favor the Great Council with a few words of wisdom which were attentively received by the members.

The Committee on Credentials and Mileage made a supplemental long talk (report) recommending Elmore R. Chaffee of the Committee on State of the Order, who was present, receive two fathoms ten inches, for mileage, which was accepted and adopted.

The Great Chief of Records moved that this Great Council Fire be quenched; duly seconded and passed; the special Council Fire of the Great Council of Connecticut was quenched at the fourth sun, forty-fifth breath, setting of the sun.

Attest:

Chas. W. Skiff

Great Chief of Records.